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Subject: FW: Feedback on Negative Impacts of Budget Cuts

In case you have points or better wording for this effort... See below.

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Cc: 'Corkren, Edward (DPH)'; Salemi, Charles (DPH); 'B. Marie Cunningham'

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Hi All:

MOSES's Legislative Agent is well connected with persons in close proximity to the state budget. She has asked board members to provide her with feedback on the negative impacts of the past years budget cuts, layoffs, and hiring freezes. Please let me know of general or specific issues of this nature, so that I can relay them to her. So far, my list is this:

- Everyone doing more with less has raised stress levels, degraded our work environments, and increased laboratory turnaround times.
- Increased laboratory turnaround times have caused providers to call looking for results that aren't ready to report. Staff are interrupted by answering these calls, taking them away from the bench.
- Increased laboratory turnaround times delay the epidemiologic tracking of outbreaks and result in greater rates of illness.
- Increased laboratory turnaround times delay the removal of environmental toxins from childrens' environments, exposing them to harm for longer durations than before.

Please contact me to add your bullet points to the list.

Thank you,

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